

The Coconino Sun

VOL. XX.

FLAGSTAFF, JANUARY 17, 1903.

No. 3

BREAK FOR LIBERTY

Prisoners in the Yuma Penitentiary Make a Desperate Attempt for Liberty—Leader Seriously Wounded.

The Yuma Sun gives the following details of the trouble in the prison Friday: Ten or twelve desperate prisoners in the territorial penitentiary made an unsuccessful break for liberty at noon today, and one of the leaders, Jesus Garcia, now lies in the hospital with a dozen buckshot in the lower part of his body.

The big double gates of the prison yard were closed and the prisoners were at dinner, excepting a few trustees who had finished their meal and were being turned out of the yard by Asa Bishop. Mr. Bishop had secured the keys from the guard on stand No. 1, where they are kept during the noon hour, and had unlocked the inner gate when he was attacked by a number of desperate convicts who had planned to kill Mr. Bishop, secure the keys and liberate themselves. Garcia, the leader, was armed with a dirk knife and began to slash Mr. Bishop. The yard was in an uproar in an instant and John Clark, George Williams and Assistant Superintendent George Wilder, sizing up the situation, rushed to the rescue of Mr. Bishop. The fight was fast and furious for a minute, the officers being pitted against great odds. Finally Mr. Bishop succeeded in breaking away from the mob, but was pursued by the man with a knife. He ran toward stand No. 4 and called to the guard, R. H. Marine, to shoot the bloodthirsty convict. Marine fired and Garcia fell to the ground, severely wounded. When the other convicts saw their leader fall they became quiet and were locked up.

While Garcia lay writhing in agony on the ground he attempted to take his own life by stabbing himself in the breasts, inflicting two ugly gashes. While the convict is badly injured, his wounds are not considered fatal. He was sentenced from Cochise county in December, 1901, to ten years' imprisonment for robbery and has given the prison management a great deal of trouble, but will probably be good hereafter. The only injury received by Mr. Bishop was a cut about an inch deep in the left side.

Cochise County Contracts.

The awarding of county contracts for county supplies during the coming year were acted upon by the Board this afternoon. The following bids were opened:

Burying indigent dead Tombstone, John Marden at \$22.50; C. B. Tarbell \$25, contagious diseases \$50. Burying indigent dead at Bisbee, International Undertaking Co. at \$25, contagious diseases, \$50.

Feeding prisoners Tombstone, John Henninger, 16 1/2 cents per meal; Grace B. Lowry, 14 cents per meal. Feeding prisoners Naco, M. P. Smerdell, 22 1/2 cents per meal. The bid of Peacott & Trask, Bisbee for feeding prisoners was left blank, price per meal being omitted.

For the hospital only two bids were received, that of J. E. Bacon, M. D., at 75 cents per day per patient and Thos. H. Sabin, M. D., at 78 cents per day.

For printing the Prospector contin-

ues as the official paper, publishing minutes and many of the county advertisements, the Review being lowest bidder on the delinquent tax list publication and territorial tax sale notice. The job work was principally awarded to the Prospector except in one or two instances the Review being lower.—Prospector.

UNITED VERDE FIRE OUT

Much Rejoicing in Jerome Over the Success of the Experiments.

The gratifying report that the fire in the United Verde has been extinguished was circulated Wednesday, and was received with much pleasure and a great deal of rejoicing by the employees of the company and the townspeople in general, says the Jerome Reporter. From the best information obtainable, this very desirable result has at last been attained, the furnace on the smelter yard being shut down for the first time on Wednesday night. It is claimed that the old fire is under control, but the one which caused the mine to shut down is out.

Last week miners in the lower levels gave out the information that the mine was gradually being filled with new gas and that it would only be a short time until it drove the men from the mine. Later the Reporter learned from men on the three hundred foot level that the temperature of the mine was steadily being lowered, and that the gas on the lower levels, not affected by the fire, was due to leakage from above.

The furnaces used in liberating the gas were made under the direction of Superintendent Giroux, who looked after the work for some time, but the past six weeks he has been assisted by Chemist John Herman, who has won the confidence of the management and been given full charge of the work. His success is more remarkable when it is considered that he is scarcely past his majority.

The success in this is likely to encourage Senator Clark to try to extinguish the old fire, which has been in the richest portion of the mine for a number of years.

The method adopted to fight the fire was to force into the mine the heavy carbonic gas which displaced the oxygen, and finally smothered the fire in the ore and timbers of the mine. The importance of the successful termination of the fire is appreciated, when it is known that Senator Clark refused \$100,000,000 for the property.

W. S. Decloss to Leave for South Africa.

Mr. W. S. Decloss, who has been employed by the Sierra Railway Co. as its Superintendent of depot buildings and bridges, for about three years past, will leave Angels Camp in a few days for South Africa. Much credit is due Mr. Decloss for the work so faithfully superintended for this company. The marble depot in Sonora is a model structure as well as many others along the line; the beautiful little depot at Angels is worthy of favorable comment, in fact all his work speaks well for his judgment and workmanship. While in Angels, his general health has improved very much. The Mountain Echo wishes Mr. W. S. Decloss health and success wherever he goes.—Mountain Echo.

BIG GOLD STRIKE

Reveals Famous Harqua Hala—Prospectors Going to the New Find—Discovery Kept Quiet.

The Wickenburg News-Herald says that word was received from Harqua Hala this week that Pat Devine, of the Devine brothers at Sunset, had made a rich gold strike about nine miles from their camp. The discovery was made about a month ago, but the news has been kept quiet until this week, and it is now said to be the biggest strike since the discovery of the famous old Harqua Hala mine. The discovery is situated on the eastern slope of the Harqua Halas, just over the top of the divide, opposite Culling's well. Devine has located a number of claims fully covering what promises to be one of the richest properties in the section. He told parties who were lately at the "wells," where he had gone to escape a heavy storm in the mountains, that he had 2,000 feet on a vein averaging two to three feet wide and from which he could horn gold at any point. He had about 100 pounds of the ore with him and the people who saw it made several pan samples and estimated that it would go anywhere from \$40 to \$60 in gold per ton. It also carries high values in copper from its appearance, and probably good values in silver. Mr. Devine says the lode crops continuously for 2,000 feet and lies along-side of a massive iron dyke, which also carries the yellow metal. He has not had assays made, up to the present time, as he says he wants to get down a few shallow wells before giving any publicity to the strike. Many prospectors have gone to the discovery and claims are being located wherever there is any vacant ground.

Murder at Weaver.

On Saturday evening at Weaver, Jose Venzuela was shot and instantly killed by Pedro Arneez. They were in a saloon with other Mexicans enjoying a game of cards. A dispute arose apparently not serious, until without warning Arneez pulled a gun and fired two shots at his fellow player. The first took effect in the left breast and the second entered above the temple, coming out at the back of the neck.

The murderer allowed himself to be taken into custody without resistance. Deputy Sheriff Campbell with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Morrison went immediately to take charge of the prisoner. The hearing took place at Octave and Arneez was bound over to the grand jury. The Mexicans are said to have been friends of long standing. Venzuela was a widower and leaves several children.

New Business Venture.

Three of the most prominent sheep men in Northern Arizona have purchased a packing plant in San Bernardino, California, and took possession of it on the first of January. They are C. C. Hutchinson, Gus Reimer and W. B. Nichols. Messrs. Reimer and Nichols are in charge of the business while Mr. Hutchinson will remain in Arizona and look after the supply end of the business. He made his first

shipment to the new firm Tuesday in 1,000 head of sheep from Ash Fork. The house supplies Redlands, Riverside, and adjoining towns, and most of the towns along the line of the Santa Fe road east of San Bernardino and the Manvel line with meat. Mr. Hutchinson has also purchased a lot of fat cattle in Phoenix for the firms. They open up with a splendid business.

Not Rich in Mineral.

James Barrett, who was in Bisbee a few days ago on his way out of Mexico, says that Tiburon island is not rich in mineral. He spent several weeks prospecting for ore, but was unable to find anything that looked good.

"The stories told about the island being rich in gold, silver and copper, and being unexcelled for grazing purposes are incorrect," said Mr. Barrett. "I went all over the island and failed to find anything such as has been talked about recently in newspapers."

"The island is not far from the Mexican coast. The people there made no attempt to do us any harm, though we hear about their being cannibals eager to devour the white man who is brave enough to set foot on the island."

"I was very much disappointed in what I saw. I went there with several others expecting to find fabulously rich ledges of gold and copper. I thought so little of what I found that I did not make any effort to stake out any claims."

It is to Tiburon island that "Arizona Charley" Meadows recently started on an exploring expedition. He has several California people interested in the enterprise.

Improvements at the Club.

The members of Coconino Commercial Club at a meeting Monday night elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year: Dr. C. F. Portz, president; L. W. Quinlan, secretary; J. G. Verkamp, treasurer. Trustees and members of the house committee, George Babbitt, L. Fournier, J. G. Verkamp, E. A. Sliker, and Dr. E. S. Miller. Ladies night was changed from Tuesday to Friday night of each week, and dances may be given on the second and fourth Friday in each month. The club room has been greatly improved by the removal of the front partition, and changing the position of the billiard tables. The club is one of the prosperous social institutions of Flagstaff.

Hi Jolly Dead.

Hi Jolly is dead at Tysons Wells, Ariz. Hi Jolly was a Greek and when the United States government brought a caravan of camels west, about the time of the civil war, it was Hi Jolly who selected the animals in Asia and had charge of them in this country. It was expected to use them in crossing the deserts of Arizona, but the experiment was a failure and the animals were liberated. They roamed for years in the Arizona mountains and some of them are supposed to be in existence there now.

The K. of P. lodge in Jerome are preparing to celebrate the anniversary of that Order on February 19, 1903.